(7) There is some difficulty during low tides. Action is being taken to remove the difficulty.

(8) Yes.

Water service connections in Ernakulam.

504. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether a deputation of the Ernakulam Municipal Council waited upon the Diwan in connection with the refusal of the Public Works Department to effect water service connections to houses and laying of pipes in streets after receiving money for the same ;

(2) when did they so wait, and was not the deputation assured of a favourable disposal of the question ;

(3) has any order been issued in the matter and if not, what is the reason for the delay ;

(4) did the deputationists request the Government to issue such orders as will enable the townsmen of Eanakulam to enjoy the benefits of the available water supply equally and equitably irrespective of the quantity, large or small, that the Public Works Department may be able to supply ; if they did, what prevents the Government in granting the request ;

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) The meeting was on November 22, 1928.

The delegates explained the situation to the Diwan and they were assured that the Government would sympathetically consider the question after giving due regard to the points raised by them.

(3) No. The matter is under consideration.

(4) The answer to the forepart of the question is in the affirmative.

The Government is considering the question whether the suggestions brought forward by them will serve the best interests of all concerned.

Ernakulam Motor Service.

505. Mr. P Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many motor services are there working now with their termination at Kottayam after the arrival of each of the trains in Ernakulam;

(2) what is the order in which they are running ;

(3) what are the names of the permit holders of such services ;

(4) for how long has the first-starter been enjoying the privilege of starting first after each of the trains ;

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